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Letter dated 29 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 23-28 November 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 29 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (23 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, a reconciliation agreement has been signed with the representatives of one populated area in Damascus governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 972.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Over the past 24 hours, 16 ceasefire application forms have been signed with the leaders of armed groups. The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire has increased to 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 38 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (18), Damascus governorate (18), Hama governorate (1) and Ladhiqiyah governorate (1).

Armed groups that had earlier announced a cessation of hostilities used improvised multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on a number of populated areas.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army shelled the Azizi neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group shelled Bludan, Jawbar (twice), Kafr Batna, Qassa' and Kanakir; the highway near Duma; and government troop positions near Abu Ali mountain in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used grenade launchers, tube artillery, mortars and small arms to fire on Bakartayah and also on the Aqil (twice), Aryan (twice), Layramun, 1070, Amiriyan (twice), Binyamin, Ashrafiyah, Shaykh Sa'd and Salihin neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre (twice) and areas near the watermelon market and the Hikmah School in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Hawsh Nasri, Harasta, Irbin, Harasta al-Qantarah, Jawbar (twice) and Khan al-Shih, the Wafidin camp (twice), the highway near Duma and the Ibn al-Walid Hospital.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Aqrab al-Safi.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- 1.5 tons to the Siryan al-Qadim district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to Ladhiqiyah for refugees from the captured city of Raqqah; and approximately 300 kg for the Dar community of Russian compatriots in Syria

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 12 civilians and six fighters have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (24 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of four populated areas in Tartus governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 976.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 38 reports of shelling by armed groups in Damascus governorate (20), Aleppo governorate (16), Suwayda' governorate (1) and Ladhiqiyah governorate (1).

Armed groups that had earlier announced a cessation of hostilities used mortars and small arms to fire on a number of populated areas.

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group shelled Harasta (twice), Jawbar (twice), Kafr Batna and Qassa', and also the highway near Duma.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army shelled the Salah al-Din neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham shelled Abu Ali mountain.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Bakartayah and also on the 1070, Dahiyat al-Assad, Amiriyah (twice), Ashrafiyah (twice), Maydan, Layramun, Salihin, Binyamin and Aryan neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre (twice) and the area near the watermelon market in Aleppo city.

The following were shelled in Damascus governorate: Harasta al-Qantarah, Irbin (three times), Harasta, Hawsh Nasri (twice) and Jawbar (four times), the Wafidin camp and the highway near Duma.

In Suwayda' governorate, terrorists shelled the Tha'lah airfield.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 150 kg to Jurin (military field hospital) in Hama governorate
- Approximately 500 kg near Aleppo University in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to Ayn al-Shariqyah in Ladhiqiyah governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, eight civilians and five fighters have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (25 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of two populated areas in Damascus and Ladhiqiyah governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 978.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 34 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (17), Damascus governorate (12), Hama governorate (2), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

Armed groups that had earlier announced a cessation of hostilities used mortars and small arms to fire on a number of populated areas.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army shelled Nayrab and the Salah al-Din neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group fired on Qassa', the highway near Duma and the area near Abbasiyin stadium in Jawbar.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, units of the Ahrar al-Sham group shelled Mortlu and government troop positions on Abu Ali mountain.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on the Amri, Ard Sabah, Aqil, Binyamin, Ashrafiyah, Ansari, Dahiyat al-Assad, 1070, Zahrat Awwad and Layramun neighbourhoods, and also areas near the watermelon market, the gasworks and the Castello trade centre in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Bahariyah, Irbin, Dahiyat al-Assad, Hawsh Nasri and an electric power station in Jawbar.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Mu'ardis and the thermal electric power station in Muhradah; and Jabha in Qunaytirah governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- 700 kg to the Sulaymaniyah district of Aleppo city (for civilians and refugees)
- 3 tons of medical equipment to the Mogambo district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1.5 tons to Mu'allaqah in Damascus governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 17 civilians have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (26 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of eight populated areas in Damascus (4) and Ladhiqiyah (4) governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 986.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 43 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (20), Damascus governorate (16), Ladhiqiyah governorate (3), Dar'a governorate (2), Hama governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar and Qassa', the highway near Duma and the area near Abbasiyin stadium in Jawbar.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, units of the Ahrar al-Sham group shelled Ayn al-Qantarah and government troop positions near Abu Ali mountain (twice).

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army used multiple-launch rocket systems to shell the Bayadah and Salah al-Din neighbourhoods in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms to fire on Shurfah and also on the Binyamin (twice), Dahiyat al-Assad, Jam'iyat al-Fayha', Amri, Ashrafiyah, Ard Sabah, Aquil, 1070 and Zahrat Awwad neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre (three times), the Assad Military Academy and the area near the former military school and the Hikmah School in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Nasri (twice), Irbin (four times) Dahiyat al-Assad and Bilaliyah, an electric power station in Jawbar, the Wafidin camp, a sports grounds in Jawbar and Ibn Sina Hospital.

In Dar'a governorate, terrorists shelled Tall Sheliyah and Shaykh Miskin.

Muhradah was shelled in Hama governorate; and Jabha in Qunaytirah governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1.5 tons for citizens of the Salah al-Din district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 2 tons to a camp for refugees from eastern Aleppo in Ashrafiyah district
- Approximately 1 ton to Huraqi in Homs governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, four civilians have left besieged areas of Aleppo city.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of four populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Hama governorate (1) and Suwayda' governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,000.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 39 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (18), Damascus governorate (15), Dar'a governorate (4), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar (twice), Qassa' and the highway near Duma.

In Aleppo, armed elements of the Syrian Free Army used mortars to shell the Salah-al-Din neighbourhood.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, fighters from the Ahrar al-Sham group used small arms to fire on Ayn al-Qantarah.

In Aleppo city, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on the Amri, Binyamin (twice), Jam'iyat al-Fayha' and Hananu-4 (twice) neighbourhoods, the Jandul roundabout, the Karm al-Jazmati, Dahiyat al-Assad, Zahrat Awwad, 1070 and Ashrafiyah neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy (twice), the Castello trade centre (twice) and the Hikmah School.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Irbin (three times), Bilaliyah, Hawsh Kharabu (three times), the Wafidin camp and Jawbar (three times).

In Dar'a governorate, terrorists shelled Tall Sheliyah, Khirbat al-Ghazalah, Sanamayn and the highway near Jadilah.

Jabha was shelled in Qunaytirah governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1 ton to Ashrafiyah and 3 tons to Ummaliyah in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to Hadidah in Homs governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

In the course of operations carried out by the Armed Forces of the Syrian Arab Republic to liberate the eastern districts of Aleppo city, 42 fighters from the Qadisiyah district renounced the continuation of hostilities and laid down their weapons.

An amnesty, announced earlier in a decree of the President of Syria, applies to all members of armed groups who have laid down their weapons.

On 27 November, Syrian government troops liberated eight neighourhoods in eastern Aleppo from terrorists.

More than 2,500 civilians have been evacuated from the liberated neighourhoods, including over 800 children; 500 people left from the Qadisiyah district and approximately 1,500 people from the Jabal Badro and Sakhur districts.

Several fighters attempted to leave the besieged areas in the guise of civilians and were detained on the spot.

To prevent casualties among the civilian population, negotiations are under way in a number of the city's districts on the voluntary surrender of weapons by fighters.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 November 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements have been signed with representatives of three populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (2) and Hama governorate (1).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,003.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 86.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 45 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (24), Damascus governorate (13), Hama governorate (3), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Dar'a governorate (2) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed units affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on the area near the Abbasiyin stadium in Jawbar.

Ahrar al-Sham fighters used mortars to shell Rasha in Ladhiqiyah governorate and Shaykh Khidr in Aleppo city.

Syrian Free Army units used "hellfire" multiple-launch rocket systems and mortars to shell the Mashariqah and Ansari neighbourhoods in Aleppo city, and also tube artillery to shell Sandiran in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms to fire on the Binyamin, Bayadin, Ramusah, Shaykh Najjar, Aryan, Dahiyat al-Assad, Sakhur-3, 1070, Layramun, Sakhur and Shaykh Khidr neighbourhoods, and on the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy and the Hikmah School in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Irbin, Hawsh Nasri, Bilaliyah and Hawsh Kharabu, a sports ground and an electric power station in Jawbar, and the Wafidin camp.

Terrorists also shelled Tall Sheliyah and Jadilah in Dar'a governorate; and Suran and the thermal electric power station in Muhradah in Hama governorate.

Fighters from Jabhat Fath al-Sham fired tank artillery at Durin in Qunaytirah governorate.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 7 tons to Jibrin in Aleppo governorate
- 2.5 tons to Asili in Hama governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to Kafr Abd in Homs governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.